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SUBJECT: OXCART Test Flights - 9 March

Aircraft #121 (J-56 engines) made flight #55, 9 Harch, for a duration of forty-coven minutes, with a lockheed test pilot at the controls. This was the first flight of this aircraft with two J-58 engines. Previously this aircraft flew thirty-six flights with two J-75 engines and eighteen with one J-75 and one J-56 engine. The purpose of this flight was a functional test of the aircraft which had undergone an extensive maintenance inspection and updating. This aircraft performed the first OXCART flight in April, 1962.

during the test flight and only minor squaks were written-up following the flight. The landing and drag-chute operation were normal. The pilot did not test neely installed anti-sidd brakes due to noticeable brake chatter prior to take-off. The flight was conducted slow and at low altitudes, 15,000 feet and below, because of inclement local area weather.

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